

REMARKS

The Examiner has issued a Restriction Requirement Designating 13 Groups. Additionally the Examiner has indicated that claims 1,3-7, 33, and 34 link the inventions indicated in Groups I, II, III, IV, V and VI, and that claims 16 and 18-22 links the inventions of Groups VII -XIII.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that he will rejoin claims including the limitations of an allowable linking claim, as provided under MPEP 804.01.

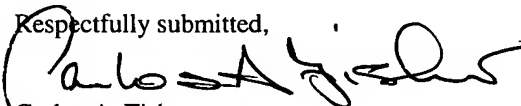
Applicants therefore hereby elect to proceed with prosecution of the invention indicated in Group XI, without traverse; this invention is characterized as a method for preventing cell death induced by PDT wherein the method comprises administering brimonidine.

However, Applicants respectfully believe that the Office Action erroneously listed the claims associated with this Group. The Examiner has indicated that claims 17 and 23 are associated with the above-identified invention; Applicants believe that the claims actually reading directly on the invention in Group XI (at least in part) are claims 17 and 30. Applicants agree with the Examiner that the linking claims are claims 16, 18- 22. With respect to this latter point, Applicants have noticed that claims 21 and 22 should depend from claim 16, rather than claim 14, and have amended these claims accordingly. Also, Applicants have amended claim 30 so as not to depend from a cancelled claim.

Applicants also have cancelled claims 1-15, 23-29, and 31-38 without prejudice to their future rejoinder or prosecution in a later divisional or continuation application.

No fee is thought due in connection with this communication. However, if Applicants are in error with regard to this point, please

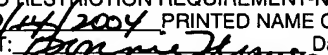
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